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SUBJ: US PROTEST RE SOVIET USE OF YUGOSLAV AIRSPACE FOR  
ANGOLAN AIRLIFT

REF: STATE 300228

1. AMBASSADOR MET DEC 31 WITH ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY OSTOJIC (AT LATTER'S REQUEST) AND WAS HANDED FOLLOWING NOTE IN REPLY TO OURS (REFTEL). COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING OMITTED.

2. BEGIN TEXT "THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE SOVIET AIRLIFT OVER THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (FROM THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPLICS) DO NOT CONFORM TO THE TRUTH. THERE IS NO AIRLIFT WHATSOEVER OVER THE YUGOSLAV TERRITORY.

3. "AS REGARDS THE OVERFLIGHTS OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT, THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA SOVEREIGNLY DECIDES ON THE GRANTING OF THE RIGHT TO OVERFLY ITS AIR SPACE TO ALL COUNTRIES ON THE SAME BASIS, AND ITS COMPETENT AUTHORITIES BRING DECISIONS THERON IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE EXISTING REGULATIONS IN FORCE.

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4. "THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT ANYONE

ELSE'S INTERFERENCE IN ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO MAKE  
DECISIONS ON THE GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO UTILIZE ITS  
COUNTRY'S AIRSPACE, IN THE SAME WAY AS SUCH INTERFERENCE  
IS NOT ALLOWED BY OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES EITHER.

5. "FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE THE YUGOSLAV  
GOVERNMENT REJECTS THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN  
THE SAID NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA. END TEXT.

6. MY COMMENTS ON MEETING SENT SEPTTEL.  
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